

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the third paragraph on page 5 with the following:

The controller 100 comprises a portion of the integrated circuit device, i.e., and application specific integrated circuit (“ASIC”) 150. The ASIC 150 includes a testing interface 180, preferably a Joint Test Action Group (“JTAG”) tap controller, through which the BIST of the dual mode BIST controller 100 can be invoked and through which the results may be returned in accordance with conventional practice. The ASIC 150 also includes one or more memory components 190, preferably ~~synchronous~~ static random access memories (“SRAMS”), and combinational logic 195 that are tested by the BIST of the dual mode BIST controller 100.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 6 with the following:

One particular embodiment of LBIST domain 160 is conceptually illustrated in FIG. 2. In this particular embodiment, the LBIST engine 110 comprises an LBIST state machine 210 and a pattern generator 230. The LBIST domain 160 also includes a multiple input signature register (“MISR”) 220. The content of the MISR 220 is the LBIST signature 130 in FIG. 1. The pattern generator 230 is, more precisely, a pseudo random pattern generator (“PRPG”). In the illustrated embodiment, the LBIST engine 110 is externally configured by a CONFIGURATION signal with a vector count and a PRPG seed for the pattern generator 230. The LBIST engine 110 is configured by a ~~66-bit~~ signal received through the testing interface 180 in which 32 bits contain the vector count and 33 bits contain the PRPG seed. Thus, the pattern generator 230 is programmable, as is the LBIST engine 110 as a whole. However, the invention is not so limited and other techniques may be employed for configuring the LBIST engine 110. For instance, these values may be hardcoded or hardwired in alternative embodiments.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 9 with the following:

In accordance with yet another aspect of the invention, the content of the LFSR with which the pattern generator 230 is implemented and the register with which the MISR 220 is implemented are generated using different primitive polynomials to prevent failures disguised by aliasing. The content of the LFSR in the illustrated embodiment is based on the 31-bit primitive polynomial $x^{31} + x^3 + 1$ and the content of the MISR 220 is based on the 32-bit primitive polynomial $x^{32} + x^{28} + x + 1$. If the pattern generator 230 enters an all zero state, the error indicator will be activated and stored in bit B_{33} of the MISR 220. In this particular embodiment, the even outputs of the LFSR (bits B_{26} to B_0) supply the scan pattern to the inputs of the scan chains 1 to 23, respectively. The MISR 220 has inputs that EXCLUSIVE OR into the odd register bits B_7 through B_{31} and bit B_0 during the scan operation. Alternative embodiments may omit this aspect of the invention, however.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 9 with the following:

The LBIST engine 110 provides two level sensitive scan device ("LSSD") clock signals, LSSD_CLKA and LSSD_CLKB shown in FIG. 9, to the level sensitive scan devices (not shown) in the core 900. Both of these clock signals are normally low, but alternately pulse high when the LBIST state machine 210 is in the scan state 330. After the scan chains are flushed, the MISR 220 (shown in FIG. 2) collects the scan data. The LBIST engine 110 also outputs two step clock signals LBIST_STEP_CLKC and LBST_STEP_STEPCLKE. The step clock signal LBIST_STEP_CLKC actually comprises three signals LBIST_STEP_CLKC1, LBIST_STEP_CLKC2, and LBIST_STEP_CLKC3. The LBST_STEP_CLKE clock signal, normally high, enables the LBST_STEP_CLKC1 through to the core latches (not shown) via the core logic clock signal splitters (not shown) of the core 900. The LBST_STEP_CLKC2 is enabled by the LBST_STEP_CLKE clock signal through the clock signal splitters (not shown) of the low power register array ("LPRA") wrappers 905. The LBST_STEP_CLKE clock

signal also enables the LBST_STEP_CLKC3 through the clock signal splitter (not shown) of the wrappers for the memory components of ASIC 150, i.e., the SRAM wrappers 910.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 11 with the following:

The MBIST engine 120 is therefore modifiable or configurable at the time the ASIC is implemented in a register transfer level ("RTL") specification to accommodate a variety of nested MBIST engines 620 that might be obtained from various vendors. As those in the art having the benefit of this disclosure will appreciate, the nested MBIST engine 620 and the MBIST state machines 610 are a predefined library elements in standard RTL applications software. The RTL specification for the ASIC 1050 contains a logic wrapper (not shown) defining the inputs and outputs for the library elements that define which of the MBIST state machines 610 provides the input and output to the nested MBIST engine 620. The RTL specification is then synthesized into a gate-level implementation for the ASIC 1050.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 12 with the following:

The nested MBIST engine 620 tests from one to sixteen memory components 190 (not shown) in parallel depending on the specification of the ASIC vendor. The BIST controller 100 has a separate clock domain for the MBIST engine 120 in which the 150 MHz system clock signal is halved and the MBIST engine 120 is driven with the resultant 75 MHz clock signal. The results of the tests on the SRAMs are stored in the MBIST signature register 605. Bit B_{31} of this register is the "done" bit. The done bit indicates if the results stored are new or resulted from a previous run. In this particular embodiment, paranoid checks (tests of paranoid logic, such as watch watchdog timer) and MBIST engine states are also stored in the MBIST signature register 605 for debug purposes.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 12 with the following:

The MBIST state machine 610 transitions to the initialization state 820 upon receipt of a MBIST select signal and a MBIST run signal received through the testing interface 180. The initialization state 820 is followed by a flush and then the test patterns as the MBIST engine 120 cycles through the initialization state 820, flush state 830, and test state 840. This transition occurs upon the completion of initialization of components and signals in the MBIST domain. The flush state 830 continues until the memory components 190 are flushed and initialized ~~them~~ to a known state. The MBIST state machine 610 then transitions to the test state 840. The MBIST engine 120 drives a one direction test pattern bus (not shown) out to all memory components 190, and they drive the result back to the nested MBIST engine 620 on another direction test pattern bus. The results are stored in the MBIST signature register 605 as part of the MBIST signature 140. When the MBIST is completed, the MBIST state machine 610 transitions to the done state 850, signaling completion by setting the dedicated bit in the MBIST signature register 605 to indicate the MBIST is complete.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 13 with the following:

In operation, the ASIC 100 shown in FIG. 1 may be placed on a vendor-supplied tester having a test controller 915 including a JTAG controller 920, shown in FIG. 9, typically with several other ASICs 1050 (not shown). Alternatively, the ASIC 1050 may be tested in a live system having a live system controller 925 including a JTAG controller 920. The MBIST engine 120 includes a MBIST state machine 610, shown in FIG. 6, designed for use with this particular vendor-supplied test controller 915. In the illustrated embodiment, the JTAG controller 920 employs JTAG protocols and testing hardware, and so the testing interface 180 is a JTTAP controller. As was noted above, the LBIST and MBIST capabilities of the dual mode BIST controller 100 may be utilized separately or conjunctively. Furthermore, the LBIST and the MBIST may be performed in parallel or in serial. However, the following discussion will contemplate a conjunctive use in

serial. It is nevertheless to be understood that only one or the other may be employed in alternative embodiments.